MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Out of the 32 buses fitted with gas plant how many are running?

MR. E. G. SALTER: All of them.

Spare parts supplied to the State Transport Department.

154. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state the firms or companies which supplied the State Transport Department with materials and spare parts for motor vehicles in the year 1120 with the value and general description of materials or spare parts supplied by each firm or company?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The time and labour involved in collecting the information is not commensurate with the public interest served thereby.

Bus-stand waiting shed at Nedumangad.

155. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Transport Department has realised the difficulties the travelling public suffer on account of the want of a waiting shed at Nedumangad?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has the Department taken any measures to have a shed put up at Nedumangad?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir. Negotiations are proceeding in the matter and I would like to take this opportunity to explain to the House the very great difficulty in regard to the matter of obtaining land necessary for waiting-sheds. I would also take the opportunity to appeal to Municipalities to co-operate with us in this matter.

Contract with Messrs. Ardeshir and Company, Madras for the supply of tyres.

156. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the contract with Messrs. Ardeshir & Company, Madras dated 21-2-1938 for the supply of tyres was renewed; and

(*b*) if so, when and for what period, and the rates fixed therein?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer given on the 22nd August 1944 to question No. 113 at the first session of the 3rd Sri Mulam Assembly 1944.

Sabarimala pilgrims and war exhibition visitors.

157. ***MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI** (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how many days special Express services were conducted for the convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims and war exhibition visitors from Kottayam to Trivandrum and Chengannur to Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether the fare for both the services was the same?

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MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Special Express services were conducted for the convenience of Sabarimala pilgrims for 14 days from 21-5-1120 between Changannur and Trivandrum, and Kottayam and Trivandrum.

(*b*) Does not arise since no special Express services were conducted in connection with the war exhibition.

Increasing the production of electric power.

158. * MR. K. M. PAUL (*Moovattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the increasing demand of electricity to meet the industrial development of the State can be successfully met from the Pallivasal Scheme alone; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, what is the plan before the Government for increasing the production of electric power?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN (*Ag. Electrical Engineer to Government*): (*a*) The present demands can be met from the P. H. E. Scheme.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*a*)

MR. K. M. PAUL: In view of the statement made by the President regarding the opening of a cement factory, may I know whether the Pallivasal Scheme is able to supply the necessary power?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Yes, Sir. They will be able to supply the power.

PRESIDENT: For all the demands that have been made to us till now the power from Pallivasal would be adequate. Honourable members will realise that there are, in contemplation, schemes for exploiting the lower slopes of the Pallivasal area for producing extra power. At least one extra generation station will be established there. Honourable members will also be aware that as a result of negotiations with the Madras Government, what is called the Pericard Scheme will be introduced soon, and that also as a result of negotiations with the Madras Government the Papanasam Scheme will serve us also. We hope that all these schemes being properly developed in the course of the next two or three years, all the power demands could be met.

Supply of Electric Energy.

159. * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any agencies or firms other than those mentioned in Appendix V page 27 of the Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1118, who were supplied with energy in bulk for the year 1119?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: None.

Electric Supply to Chengannur.

160. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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